Grand Tour

CHINA

16 days

27 August – 11 September 2017

Beijing, Great Wall, Xi’an, Guilin, Suzhou, Zhouzhuang, Li River, Yangshuo, Shangai, Kunshan City.

Sun 27 Aug Meet the tour leader at Malta International Airport at 14:25 to check in for our flight by Emirates Airlines via Dubai depart by EK108 at 16:25 (Local Time)

Mon 28 Aug Beijing: Arrive by EK 306 Beijing at 15:25 (Local Time) transfer to our 4 Star ‘Grand Mercure Beijing Central ’ Located in the heart of Beijing. Dinner and overnight

Tue 29 Aug Beijing: After Breakfast Full day to explore the city of Beijing. First we start visiting Tian’ Anmen Square with its plenitude of monuments testifying to the communist, and more specifically, Mao’s influence on China’s modern history, and then driving to the Forbidden City, the largest and best-preserved palatial complex still existing, also known as the Palace Museum. Then proceed to the Temple of Heaven, the place where the Emperors prayed for peace and harvest. In the evening dinner, followed by an Acrobatic show in a local theatre

Wed 30 Aug Beijing: Today we drive to Mutianyu Great Wall of China which is known for its beautiful surroundings - dense woods and rich pastures changing colors with the seasons of a year. Return by cable car and proceed to visit the sacred road, Jade Carving and the Olympic Stadium for a photo shot. Dinner and overnight

Thu 31 Aug Beijing: After breakfast depart to visit the Summer Palace with a boat ride on the famous Kunming Lake. Continue our tour to one of the most popular sites within Beijing attractions ‘The Panda House of Beijing Zoo’.

Fri 01 Sep Beijing / Xi’an: Breakfast. Transfer to the Airport for our domestic flight to Xi’an one of the ancient capitals in China. Upon arrival visit the Great Mosque in Xian which is one of the oldest, largest and best-preserved Islamic mosques in China and its location is northwest of the Drum Tower on Huajue Lane. It is really worth to see the Great Mosque, not only for its centuries-old history but also for its particular design of mixed architecture - traditional Muslim and Chinese styles. Later we visit the Ancient City Wall which is the best preserved Wall in China Check in at the 4 Star ‘Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel’ located in central Xian.
In the Evening Dumpling Dinner followed by Tang Dynasty Music and Dance Show.

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Sat 02 Sep  Xi’an: Today we visit the World famous 6’000 life size Terracotta Warriors and Horses, buried with the first Chinese Emperor Qin Shi Huang. After proceed to visit the Wild Goose Pagoda which is a very well-preserved ancient building and a holy place for Buddhists and on our way back visit the ‘Huangjig Hot Springs’ the site of a famous imperial bathing pool and various palace complexes over its 3,000 year history.

Sun 03 Sep  Xi’an / Guilin. Breakfast. Transfer to airport for our domestic flight to Guilin one of Chinas most scenic areas. Upon arrival visit of the ‘Reed Flute Cave’ Guilin’s largest and most impressive cave. This cave is 790 feet deep. A we will walk for some 400 meters through a zigzagging way of stalactites and stalagmites in dazzling colors. Then proceed to Fubo Hill which rises from the banks of the river and offers superb views from its summit. Inside the cave you can see lots of rock stone carvings of Buddha statues from Tang Dynasty. Check in at the 4 star ‘Guilin Bravo Hotel’ located in city center, and surrounded by some of the most popular shopping areas.

Mon 04 Sep  Guilin: After breakfast transfer to Lijiang pier to embark for a cruise on Li River to Yangshou (lunch on board). Li River is one of the most popular and picturesque scenic spots in China, it was also listed as one of the World’s Top Ten Watery Wonders by America’s National Geographic Magazine. And in recognition for its beauty, the image of the Li River is featured on the current 20 Yuan banknote. Lunch on board. Disembark at Yangshuo and a stroll over the west street. Drive back to Guilin by private coach.

Tue 05 Sep  Guilin / Suzhou: Breakfast. Transfer to Guilin apt. to fly to the Shangai and transfer to Suzhou one of the oldest towns in the Yangtze basin. With its interconnected waterways and beautiful environment, the city is often referred to as "The Venice of the East." After dinner we take you to the Garden Masters of the Nest for a Folk Dance & Music Performance. This is the smallest residential garden in Suzhou, but it’s the most impressive because the use of space creates an illusion of much bigger area than its actual size. Dinner and Overnight at the ‘Garden Hotel’

Wed 06 Sep  Suzhou: Today we have a full day around Suzhou. First we visit the Tiger Hill, known also as Surging Sea Hill, is a large hillock covering some 14100 square metres. Then proceed with the tour of a silk spinning factory to see how Chinese silk has been produced since the 14the century, then continue our visit to the Couples retreat Garden which is listed in the cultural relics unit as well as a UNESCO World Heritage along with other classical Suzhou gardens. Then we go by the canal for 1hr boat trip on the ‘Grand Canal of China’ which is the longest ancient canal in the world. Overnight.

Thu 07 Sep  Suzhou / Shangai: After breakfast transfer to the largest Chinese city 'Shangai' but first we visit the ancient town of Zhouzhuang in Kunshan City, situated between Shanghai and Suzhou. It is known as the No. 1 Water Town in China, and it is rich in produce. Zhouzhuang abounds in waterways, and boats are a must. The town features a waterscape typical of the regions south of the Changjiang River, with houses built along the rivers and streams. Upon arrival we visit the Double Bridge Pavilion, Shen’s house ecc. In the afternoon Cruise on the Zhouzhuang river, Zhangs Hall and Shopping Street. Proceed to Shangai and Check in at the 5 Stars Mingde Grand Hotel Shanghai. Dinner & Overnight.
Fri 08 Sep  Shangai: Today we have a full day to visit ‘Best of Shangai’. We start the tour by People Square surrounded by great buildings on all sides, Shanghai Museum with its permanent collection and hosts various exhibitions with over 120,000 pieces including bronze ware, ceramics, paintings, calligraphy, sculpture, ancient Chinese coins, jade carving, ancient furniture, and western art, which shows you 5000 years history of China, Bund and Xin Tian Di.

Overnight

Sat 09 Sep  Shangai: After breakfast we leave to visit the Jade Buddha Temple with its priceless collection of Jade statues from Burma then we visit the Yu Yuan Garden with their shaded alcoves, glittering pools churning with carp, pavilions, pines sprouting wistfully from rockeries; these gardens are one of Shanghai’s premier sights. Then we visit the Shanghai Old Street, historically called Miaqian Dajie, is an old business street that has a combination of tourist attractions, shops, entertainment and cultural exhibits. It owes its special social attractions and rich commercial background to the fact that the earliest bank, gold shop, jeweler’s store, wine shop and tea house ....

Dinner & overnight

Sun 10 Sep  Shangai: After breakfast free time for the last minute Shopping from and personal sightseeing. We can keep the rooms till 18:00hrs. Transfer to Shangai Airport

Fri 11 Sep  Departure to Malta via Dubai by EK303 departs at 00:05 and arrive Dubai at 04:55hrs. At 07:55 fly back to Malta by EK109 and arrive at 14:10

Price per person:

Half Board, All Excursions, Entrance Fees & Tax included

Price includes:

* Flights with Emirates Malta - Beijing - Shangai - Malta
* Internal Flights: Beijing > Xian > Guilin > Shangai
* 4 Star Hotels as per program
* Daily Buffet Breakfast
* Meals as per program serves in Chinese restaurants.
* Tang Dynasty Music & Dancing Show
* Acrobatic Show
* All Transfers & Excursions
* All entrance fees
* Local Guide during all Excursions
* Experienced Tour Leader

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